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1. FRENCH HAVE CONSISTENTLY TURNED IN YEOMAN PERFORMANCE IN TAKING REFUGEES FROM THAILAND. SO FAR THIS YEAR, THEY TOOK 1,043 REFUGEES IN JANUARY (442 CAMBODIANS, 496 LAO, AND 197 VIETNAMESE), AND ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE APPROXIMATELY 975 REFUGEES IN MARCH. FRENCH HAVE INFORMED UNHCR LOCALLY THAT THEY HOPE TO CONTINUE TO TAKE ABOUT 1,000 REFUGEES FROM THAILAND PER MONTH FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR.

2. FRENCH APPEAR TO RETAIN CONSIDERABLE FLEXIBILITY IN DETERMINING WHICH INDOCHINESE REFUGEES TO ADMIT TO FRANCE, WITHIN CONFINES OF BROAD CRITERIA LAID DOWN BY PARIS. THEY HAVE DEMONSTRATED ABILITY TO PROCESS QUICKLY A REFUGEE HAVING PARTICULAR PROBLEMS IN A WAY THAT IS COMMENDABLE.

3. AS FOR U.S. PROGRAM IN MOVING REFUGEES OUT OF THAILAND, LAST EPP-SPONSORED CASE WILL BE DEPARTING LATER THIS WEEK,
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THUS COMPLETING LAST YEAR'S ALLOCATION OF 11,000 NUMBERS. MONTH OF MARCH SAW INAUGURATION OF CONDITIONAL ENTRY PROGRAM FOR INDOCHINESE BOAT REFUGEES. TO OUR ALLOCATION OF 25 CE NUMBERS WERE ADDED 50 ORIGINALLY INTENDED FOR USE IN MALAYSIA AND 25 INTENDED FOR THE PHILIPPINES, SO THAT THAILAND RECEIVED ALL 100 NUMBERS WHICH WASHINGTON MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE PROGRAM FOR THE MONTH. NO NON-PREFERENCE NUMBERS WERE AVAILABLE FOR ACCOMPANYING

DEPENDENTS WHO WOULD NOT BE ENTERING THE U.S. LABOR MARKET.
IN A NORMAL MONTH WHEN NON-PREFERENCE NUMBERS ARE AVAILABLE,
WE ANTICIPATE MOVEMENT OF 3-400 BOAT REFUGEES FROM THE REGION TO
THE U.S., ALLOCATIONS BY COUNTRY TO BE DETERMINED BY INS
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